



Rambler Mine



Great views from the Rambler Mine

Access: Begins at end of Nabesna Road, Mile 42

Distance: Approximately 2 miles round trip

Time: 1½ to 2 hours

Maps: USGS Maps-Nabesna 1:250,000; Nabesna 1:63,360 (B-4), (B-5)

Difficulty: Moderate. Approximately 400' elevation gain within ½ mile distance.

Highlights: Historic mine buildings, artifacts, and great scenery, Dall sheep viewing.

Route:

From the "End of Road" sign, continue in the same general direction of travel along an obvious and well-established trail, which is actually an historic mining road. Follow this fairly level route for approximately ½ mile, at which point you'll see a tree-canopied trail leading to the right. At this junction, keen observation will provide a glimpse of the Rambler Mine, which extracted gold in the early 1940's, perched high on the side of White Mountain. Turn right, which begins a steady, uphill ½ mile ascent through a predominately spruce and alder forest.

Towards the end of your climb, you will encounter two trail junctions. The first involves a somewhat obscure trail, which terminates well below the mine, leading to the left. Stay on the main trail, which is the right fork. A short distance further, you will reach another junction. The overgrown trail to the right terminates in a meadow, with great views and camping potential, far above the mine.

To continue to the mine itself, follow the main trail, which cuts sharply to the left. From this junction, it's a short, five-minute stroll to Rambler Mine, situated at about the 4,000' level, where you can enjoy spectacular views of the Nabesna River Valley and the Mentasta and Nutzotin Mountains.



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Notes:

- There is no water available along this route.
- Take standard precautions for travel in bear country. Speak with a Park Ranger if you have any questions or concerns.
- Rambler Mine and other historic sites in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve are part of the rich history of the region. Destruction of historic buildings and/or removal of artifacts is prohibited.
- The mine opening and tunnels, surrounding buildings, and other structures are in a state of disrepair and hazardous. Caution is advised.
- Parking is available at Reeve's Field trailhead, located at Mile 41 on the Nabesna Road. From this point, it is a 1-mile walk to the end of the road. An alternative is to continue driving to the end of the road and inquire with the Ellis family, who lives and operates a B & B at this location, regarding parking options. Please respect their privacy and property.